

REMARKS

The Office action of March 22, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully considered. A Request for continued examination is being filed concurrently to relieve this application of its finally-rejected status.

The present Amendment revises claim 1 to provide that first and second openings are formed in a surface protective film to expose a portion of a first internal connection and a portion of a second internal connection, that a bump is formed on the first internal connection, and that a surface interconnection is electrically connected not only to the bump but also to the second internal connection.

These revisions are supported (for example) by Figures 2A through 2F of the present application's drawings. The present Amendment also deletes unnecessary language from claim 11 and several depended claims, and revises the dependent claims where appropriate in view of the changes to independent claim 11.

Section 2 of the Office Action rejects independent claim 11 (along with a dependent claim) for anticipation by US patent 5,604,379 to Mori. For the reasons discussed below, however, it is respectfully submitted that the invention that is now defined by claim 11 is patentable over this reference.

The Office Action characterizes Mori's element 5 as the "surface interconnection" of claim 11. It is respectfully submitted that the above-noted revisions to claim 11 avoid such an interpretation. In particular, claim 11 now provides that the "surface interconnection" is electrically connected not only to a bump projecting from a surface protecting film on a portion of a first internal interconnection exposed through a first opening, but that it is also electrically connected to a second internal connection through a second opening. The "surface interconnection" of claim 11 therefore electrically connects first and second internal

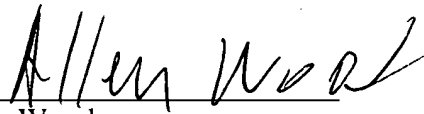
interconnections. In contrast, both of Mori's elements 5 are connected to only one of Mori's internal interconnection. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Mori does not anticipate the invention now defined by independent claim 11.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that Mori would not have provided an incentive, to an ordinarily skilled person, to modify Mori's structure so as to achieve the invention defined by claim 11.

Since the remaining claims depend from the independent claim discussed above and recite additional limitations to further define the invention, they are patentable along with their independent claim and do not need be further discussion.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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